

JULY 2015

Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst." — Luke 17: 20-21 (NIV)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Pray for Spencer Bradford, pastor of Durham Mennonite, N.C., as he provides leadership in removing the dividing wall of hostility in all areas of life thus seeking to create a new humanity focused upon Christ.	6 Lift up the tranSend training taking place over the next two weeks. Pray God's Spirit and blessing on the tranSenders receiving orientation and the staff and resource persons giving leadership.	7 Pray that Adam and Jeanette Strode will continue to grasp the Thai language and be bold to speak it when opportunities arise as they serve in Bangkok, Thailand.	8 Praise God for the Sunday school program that Laura Campbell has helped to start in Montenegro. Pray for Laura and ask that local believers will come alongside her to help lead.	9 Thank God for the vision Seth and Theresa Crissman have for churches to engage children and families in their neighborhoods. Pray for the Crissmans as they engage this ministry as VMMSmissions workers.	10 Praise God for the many new and ongoing prayer initiatives throughout the Muslim world. Pray that through these prayers, God will open the doors for Muslims to know Christ as Lord.	11 Give thanks for the opportunity for leaders from the Life Enrichment Church in Thailand to share with churches and friends in the US. May their testimony be used for God's glory.
12 Pray for Lee Martin, pastor of Mount Clinton Mennonite Church, as he provides leadership to a congregation seeking to help people experience God's grace and forgiveness in our world today.	13 Pray that VMMSmissions' workers throughout the world would be reminded of God's abundance as they trust God to provide for their needs.	14 Give thanks for tranSenders Tyler and Kendra Yoder as they engage in ministry through Peace House in Harrisonburg, Va.	15 Pray for John B. Myer, pastor of 3:16 Christian Community Church in Hickory, N.C., as he provides leadership to be a witness for Jesus in the community, workplace, and supportive missions beyond the congregation.	16 Celebrate what God is doing through VMMSmissions by praying for and attending the tranSend commissioning and Taste of Missions event this evening.	17 Pray that Norma Teles will make meaningful connections with friends and supporters during her time in the US, especially at her fundraiser meal at Dayton Mennonite Church this evening.	18 Ask God to provide a home for Dave and Rebekka Stutzman that is ideal for family, hosting, and church planting as they follow God's leading to plant a church in Germany.
19 Pray for Duane Yoder, pastor of Lindale Mennonite Church, as he provides innovative leadership to Anabaptist believers in the stream of God's love who are being released, empowered, and sent.	20 Pray that Raleigh and Opel would see God meet their fundraising needs in miraculous ways as they prepare for service in North Africa.	21 Ask God to pour out the Spirit on those gathered from many nations for the Mennonite World Conference in Harrisburg, Pa.	22 Ask God to meet the needs of Rumah Harapan, the preschool where Yugo and Grace minister, by providing one or two new Indonesians to join the team.	23 Pray for Gordon Miller, pastor of Lynside Mennonite Church, as he provides pastoral care and leadership to the congregation.	24 Pray with Nancy Marshall for a young man, Fermin, who recently began attending Jesus Deaf Church. Pray that God will give Fermin courage and vision for using his leadership gifts in the church.	25 Ask God to provide a schooling option for Sid, Bradie, and Justin Ramella that will be just the right fit for their family as they minister and serve in Istog, Kosovo.
26 Pray for Armando Sanchez as he provides pastoral leadership to Iglesia Enciende Una Luz, in Harrisonburg, Va. Pray for this congregation's continued powerful witness to the community it serves.	27 Ask God to stir hearts to learn more about God's mission by participating in the <i>Perspectives of the World Christian Movement</i> course this fall in Harrisonburg, Va.	28 Lift up VMMSmissions president, Aaron Kauffman, as he studies in Asbury Theological Seminary's Doctor of Ministry program.	29 Pray for the Holy Spirit's continued presence in and around Adam and Jeanette Strode as they live and serve in Bangkok, Thailand.	30 Pray for Dean Williams as he provides pastoral care and leadership to Mathias Mennonite Church, W. Va., and for the church's mission to its rural community and beyond.	31 Pray for Steve and Laura Campbell's relationship with their landlord's family. Pray that this family will know and be transformed by Christ.	If you would like to sponsor the prayer calendar, please contact Sarah: sarah.showalter@vmmissions.org or (540) 434-9727.



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tranSend

Celebrate the sending of new VMissions' workers at the **tranSend Commissioning**, Thursday, July 16. Join us for a meaningful time of worship and blessing, followed by Taste of Missions at the Hersberger Barn (5647 Wengers Mill Rd.) starting at 7 p.m. Contact Martin Rhodes with questions at martin.rhodes@vmmissions.org or (540) 434-9727.

The **tranSend 10-year celebration video** that debuted at Conference Assembly is at vmmissions.org/u/bhq, along with several shorter videos of specific workers/couples. Consider showing this great introduction to the tranSend program to your congregation during a moment in mission.



Spare change can have a powerful impact with **My Coins Count**, a program of Mennonite Central Committee and Virginia Mennonite Missions. Funds this year will

go to Kids Club (Shenandoah Valley, Va.); Maranatha School for the Deaf, Jamaica; Joshua Center, Albania; a school for Sudanese refugees, Egypt; and the Village Altonodji, a school for vulnerable children, Chad. Learn more at vmmissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/2015-MyCC-infosheet.pdf

Learn about Norma Teles' ministry to Roma children of the Joshua Center on Friday, July 17, at Dayton Mennonite Church, 6-8pm. This is a fundraiser meal to support Norma, VMissions worker in Lezhë, Albania.

Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center's Family Retreat, August 2-5, is specifically designed to help you and your family connect with each other and with God. Enjoy our peaceful, wooded facility, comfortable lodging, great food, fun activities and recreation options, worship times and devotions. Register by July 20 to receive a \$20 discount. Visit www.wcrc.info for more information or to register.

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement can help align your life with God's global purposes. A rich menu of readings and 15 interactive class sessions combine to provide students with an understanding of four distinct dimensions of the missional challenge. The course will be at Grace Covenant Church, Harrisonburg, Va., on Tuesday evenings, Sept. 1 to Dec. 8. Learn more at perspectives.org, or contact Carol at carol.tobin@vmmissions.org.

Zion Mennonite Church in Broadway, Va., is seeking an **Associate Pastor** employed at 75% time. Candidates should have a strong Anabaptist theology with a M.Div. degree preferred. Passion for faith formation among all ages and experience in working directly with children, youth and families is

Virginia Mennonite Missions seeks a full-time **Director of Advancement** to lead the Advancement Team in generating resources for mission support and communicating God's work through VM-Missions. Qualified applicants will demonstrate personal faith in Jesus Christ, commitment to the church and mission, a strong reputation, proven leadership, and excellent interpersonal and team-building skills. Position supervised by the President. Beginning August 2015. To apply, contact: dianna.lehman@vmmissions.org. See vmmissions.org for details.

important, as well as demonstrating effective leadership with strong communication and organizational skills. For more information, contact Rebekah Brubaker dr_brubaker@msn.com. More details about Zion Mennonite Church can be found at www.zmcv.org.

Canadian Rockies by Train: Dave and Joyce Eshleman invite you to join them for a train adventure through the Canadian Rockies next September. The trip will include Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper, Vancouver, Victoria, and a two-day, daytime-only train travel through the Rockies. The dates are September 20-29, 2016, with travel arranged by TourMagination. For details, contact Dave at DEshleman41@gmail.com or call (540) 421-1651.

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